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Docket No: 1527/0E847

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arthur ASHMAN

Serial No.: 09

09/448,692

Art Unit:

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Confirmation No.: 5329

Filed: November 24, 1999

Examiner:

D. Isabella

For: SOFT TISSUE SUBSTITUTE AND METHOD OF SOFT TISSUE REFORMATION

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

APR 14 2003

Please amend the above-identified application as follows;

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 22-34, 36-49 and 66-88 without prejudice.